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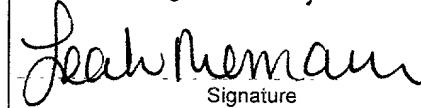
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING FOCUS BASED ON A THICKNESS OF A LAYER OF PHOTORESIST"*

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